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1. SCHOOL BOARD IS ANXIOUS TO INTERVIEW AMERICAN CANDIDATES PROPOSED REFTEL A. SEGER HAS RECEIVED PAPERS ON DR HASKELL ONLY. REQUEST DR GARDNER BRING HIS WITH HIM. INTERVIEWS IN COLOMBO CAN BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS DEPT CAN GET CANDIDATES OUT HERE. THUS, BOARD CAN MEET TEN-DAY DEADLINE REQUESTED IF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE ON SHORT NOTICE. UK CANDIDATE PATERSON WILL BE IN COLOMBO JUNE 22 TO 28. BOARD WOULD PREFER TO INTERVIEW AMERICAN CANDIDATES WEEK OF JULY 1 BUT CAN HANDLE ALL THREE IN SAME TIME-FRAME IF NECESSARY.

2. INCREASE IN SCHOOL FEES WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL SEPT. SCHOOL RESERVES AVAILABLE NOW COMMITTED TO ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY AND TRAVEL GRANT FOR UFWHEADMASTER CANDIDATE INTERVIEW. EXPECTED COST OF AIR TRAVEL FOR TWO AMERICAN CANDIDATES TO COLOMBO AND RETURN IS \$3200. REQUEST DEPT INCREASE TRAVEL GRANT OFFERED REFTEL B TO COVER COST OF AIR TRAVEL FOR ZYO AMERICANS.

3. BOARD WILL MAKE SELECTION AS SOON AS ALL THREE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED IN COLOMBO AND FINAL CHOICE WILL BE CONVEYED TO DEPT DIRECTLY AFTERWARD.
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